

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT STATE AGENCIES EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVERTING STATE PROPERTIES FOR USE AS DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a drug and health crisis due to the manufacture of methamphetamine in our state; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine manufacture and use have expanded by more than two hundred percent in recent years; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seventy-four state-operated beds for drug abuse treatment in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, due to staffing limitations, only sixty-four of those beds are actually operational; and

WHEREAS, while many drug addicts are incarcerated for crimes they committed to support their addiction, incarceration alone will not solve the problems that fuel their addiction; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico must examine methods to expand the availability of state-operated drug treatment facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, the human services department, the corrections department and the property control division of the general services department be requested to examine the feasibility of converting

underutilized or vacant state properties for use as drug abuse treatment facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of health and the secretary of human services.